



ORE FOR THE SMELTER FROM WALLOWA COUNTY

Will Stand Expense of Ninety Mile Wagon
Haul and a Railroad
Transfer.

Mr. A. P. Lester, mining man, citizen of the world, who has operated "all over" and is now opening up some properties in Wallowa county, spent two or three days in Sumpter, leaving yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lester was with the party of "sooners" whom federal soldiers drove out of the Black Hills in '75, joined the first rush to Alaska and mined there eight years, and is now opening up a new district in Oregon.

He says he has something good over there and his movements here would seem to indicate as much. He made arrangements with the smelter to make regular shipments. He says he will have to haul this ore ninety miles by wagon to Elgin, and ship from there here by rail, reloading at Baker City. Transportation and treatment charges will amount to \$50 a ton—and yet, he says he has ore that will stand that expense. It will have to be sorted, of course. The railroad freight charge, are three dollars a ton less to the smelter here than to either Salt Lake or the Sound. The mine from

which this ore is taken is the Badger. He says there is eight feet of good ore, but that no great quantity of it is as yet blocked out.

Mr. Lester says that he is going to make the mine pay for the erection of a reduction plant. He prefers to stand this apparent heavy loss in shipment charges, to throwing the money away by means of stock sales to reluctant and hypercritical investors, eastern brokers absorbing the larger portion of the funds thus secured.

He is also interested in the Tender Foot, though he has no voice in its management. This is a high grade free milling property in which a twenty-stamp mill is being erected. He had with him a sample of this ore that carries gold into the thousands. The rock is almost black, different from anything found elsewhere in this state.

Besides arranging for the sale of his ores to the smelter, Mr. Lester's other purpose in coming to Sumpter was to secure a mine superintendent. He was fortunate in being able to engage the services of Lew Walker, who accompanied him on his return to the Imnaha district.

MANAGEMENT ENDORSED BY WHEELER & Co

The first annual report of the Valley Queen presented to the stockholders shows approximately the following development record to date:

Tunnel No. 1 forty-five feet driven and fifteen sunk on vein; No. 2, 235 feet driven (main crosscut); drifting on vein No. 1, eighty-two feet; No. 2, prospected; No. 3, eighty feet; No. 4, 158 feet; prospect work and open cuts, ninety feet; shaft, twenty-five feet.

The report deals exhaustively with the vein system, values and the gen-

eral situation at the property. In closing the report the opinion is given that a continuation of the work along present lines will soon place the property on a paying basis. The report is signed by Mayor Charles H. McCulloch, president, C. S. Warren, Jr., vice president, and Tom C. Gray, secretary and superintendent.

Before leaving for the east G. H. Wheeler, of Wheeler & Company, New York, the firm financing the property, gave the following high endorsement of Mr. Gray's management of the property:

"Before leaving you for home I desire to express to you my entire satisfaction after careful investigation on behalf of my clients of your business ability and management of the affairs of the Valley Queen company. We have a mine, Mr. Gray,

of unquestionable merit and it gives me great satisfaction to return to my office so fully confident that the time is approaching when I can inform my clientele that they can shortly look for good returns on their Valley Queen investment."

LONG CROSSCUT AT THE GOLD COIN

T. S. Kennerly, superintendent of the Gold Coin, stopped off in Sumpter today on his way from Baker City to the property.

Mr. Kennerly says that work is to be pushed at the Gold Coin with renewed vigor. The crosscut is now in 800 feet and it will probably take another 800 to cut the last ledge on the claims farthest away. It is expected, however, that another ledge will be reached in a short distance. Several good veins have already been cut, but Mr. Kennerly's idea is to cut all of them before he starts drifting.

START NEW YORK MILL NEXT WEEK

W. W. Caldwell and L. G. Keady, of Portland, president and secretary respectively of the company operating the New York group in the Greenhorns, accompanied by C. C. Nepple, of Baker City, manager, and Fred Daines, of Daines company, passed through the city Sunday. The Portland people were returning after a visit of several days to the mine, and Manager Nepple was going to Baker City to get some steam fittings for the new plant. The hoist was started up yesterday, and the mill is ready for operation with the exception of the fittings mentioned. It will be started just as soon as Mr. Nepple returns. It is a seven to ten ton Tremain plant.

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CRACKER-HIGHLAND ELECTS OFFICERS

W. G. Perkins, of Portland, secretary of the Cracker-Highland, returned home Saturday after spending several days here in connection with the operation of property and attending a stockholders' meeting. Following are the officers and directors: Henry Cummings, of Milwaukee, president; C. H. Stiekney, Sumpter, vice president; W. G. Perkins, Portland, secretary; A. P. Goss, Sumpter, treasurer, who with A. E. Whitesides and C. Mayor, of Portland, constitute the directorate. John C. Davies was chosen consulting engineer and M. F. Muzzy, superintendent.

Work has already been started at the property, which is located in the Cracker Creek district, and it is the proposed to open up the mine as rapidly as possible.

Strange Looking Rock.

Eli Forsman, who has been prospecting over in the John Day country for two months past, arrived in town Saturday with the strangest looking ore ever found in Oregon. At first glance, much of it would be pronounced lava; but that it is not is thought to be proven by the fact that it carries gold values on the surface of from five to eleven dollars. Mr. Forsman says that there is an immense body of it; how much he doesn't know, as he has as yet found only the foot wall. He believes that he has a big thing.

Sawmill Installed.

Dr. R. N. Jackson, manager of the Fortune Mining company, operating the Red Lion and Humboldt in the Greenhorns, went through to Baker City Saturday. The new sawmill, he says, has been installed and will be running by July 5. The hoist is going and sinking operations will be steadily continued.

Will Increase Force.

C. M. McLaren, superintendent of the Adelene, accompanied by his son, were in town yesterday to spend the Fourth. Mr. McLaren has been working a small force at the property for some time past, but intends putting on a much larger force in a few days.

Elk Head Saloon.

Elk Head Whiskey, old, fine and mellow, at the Elk Head saloon, Center street, Old Olympia stand. Try it.